



# NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Lane Closures Scheduled on U.S. 101 at the Cotati Grade

#### Geotechnical Investigations and Repairs to Begin

**Cotati-**Caltrans crews will perform geotechnical repair work on the southbound lanes of the Cotati Grade overnight on Monday, November 20 and Tuesday, November 21, affecting traffic from 8pm to 5am the next morning. Crews will close the number two, or slow lane Monday overnight, and follow by closing the number one, or passing lane, Tuesday overnight. One lane will remain open at all times, and northbound traffic will not be affected.

Orange cones will be set on the roadway indicating lane closures, and the California Highway Patrol will be on site to assist.

Follow-up work will take place the week of November 27, weather permitting. Closures will take place from 8pm to 5am, with exact lane closures to be announced closer to the date. Crews will measure soil strength and density at depths of up to 30 feet.

After gathering data about the character of the soil, geotechnical crews will inject compaction grout below the roadway surface to improve stability. This repair technique works in tandem with the drainage system and sheet pile wall Caltrans installed over the past winter.

Motorists are advised to expect delays and heavy congestion during lane closures. Alternate routes are strongly suggested.

Crews have done emergency and maintenance paving in this area on June 23, July 5, and July 26, 2006. Engineers continue to monitor movement at the slide and take steps to maintain a safe and passable roadway.

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